

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BIG FLATS OF MARCH 14, 2012

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Teresa Dean
	Council	Edward Fairbrother
		Mike Smith
		Mike Saglibene
		Andy Gillette
	Attorney	Frederick Ahrens
	Town Clerk	Linda Cross

Supervisor Dean called the Town Board meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and requested those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION
Milton Cat

CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Judith Kadlec, 26 Landau Drive, concerned that in the Organizational Meeting minutes there was not a personnel committee she wants to know the status for the personnel committee.

Mrs. Thorburg, 135 Hillview Drive, had questions regarding the Community Center:

- What are the rules it is run by?
- How is it serving the needs of the Community?
- She would like an informational meeting to answer why a \$1,000,000 insurance policy is needed by participants in the Farmers Market?
- Why does a person or club applying for a room have to give the number of his or her home owner's insurance policy especially when the applicant agrees not to hold the Town of Big Flats and including the Community Center responsible?
- Lost 2 exercise classes, Farmers Market, concerts
- When will a director of the community center be chosen from the 4 that took the exam in February?

Karen Estep, 45 Owen Hollow Road, also had questions regarding the Community Center:

- Is the Board directing the center and making decisions, like cleaning out storage rooms?
- She didn't know if we had an interim director or if we have a new director we didn't know about?
- She felt the center is being turned into a youth center. Over the past couple of years I feel like we are gradually being shoved out.
- She also stated there have been many changes, wondering if we have a new director yet.

Andy Gillette, 6 Antler Road, stated that it seems the employees of the youth group and possibly the substitute Director have possibly been mistreating people at the Community Center, and requested a full investigation. They have been telling groups that they cannot use the facility without having an insurance policy, even though they have been using it for the past 3 or 4 years without the insurance policy. Since the new director took over now they have to have this insurance policy. Mr. Gillette stated this needs to be addressed fully and we need to have transparency here in Town!

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Rhoberta Vence, 41 Valley View Drive, President of the Women's Club, stated that the issue about the Insurance policy has been resolved. Letters were sent to each of the Councilman on the Board and Andy was the only one who responded to her letter.

Judith Kadlec, 26 Landau Drive, stated she wants the board members to listen to Councilman Gillette.

Bob Gorman, 2445 State Route 352, stated on behalf of the Members of the Business Association, they are very pleased that Milton Cat is taking an interest in locating here in the Town of Big Flats. He hopes that the Town Board, the Planning and Zoning Departments work together to make this dream come true.

Jeff O'Donnell, 88 Belaire Drive, spoke on behalf of Milton Cat and encourages the board to look at this as benefiting all of New York State not just the Town of Big Flats. Taxes are paid to Chemung County and also to New York State. He asked the Board to look at this as a whole.

Tom Giles, Maple Valley Farms, 791 County Route 64, stated that Milton Cat is an opportunity for the Town of Big Flats to move forward, and have a tremendous business and job opportunity that would work for all of us. He states it's important to consider making friends before you need them, and these are our friends, and we do have an opportunity to bring job opportunities, business, security, independence to our County and to Big Flats. He hopes the Town Board considers very seriously welcoming them to the area. They can do a lot for us. It's a good opportunity and a prosperous business and they will be here for along time.

Judith Zimmerman, 29 Churchill Place, stated she has been following the website minutes of the meetings and noticed the addition of the Communication Log. She was wondered what prompted this and who makes the recommendation as to the different kinds of material and where it goes.

Supervisor Dean stated over the course of the last few years, there have been numerous discussions whether or not to hire a full-time Director of Recreation for the Community Center. Last year the Town Board had discussions regarding the same issue and tabled the decision until after the election so that it would potentially allow any new Town Board member to be part of this decision.

This Town Board voted 4 to 1 in favor of enhancing operation of the Community Center by making the directorship full-time to increase the opportunities for the center with a full-time director.

Staff has been hired to fulfill the responsibility of the center and make sure that we continued a smooth transition while waiting for the result from the Civil Service test, which was duly held last month.

The interim staff was asked to obtain updated contact information and if necessary agreements and/or certificate of insurance. These requirements were adopted by the Town Board Resolution No. 148-04 on June 9, 2004. We can search and obtain a "hold harmless" policy that would cover these groups and/or organizations; this will help enhance participation by citizen groups, plus will protect the Town taxpayers against any unforeseen liabilities.

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REPORTS

Supervisor Dean stated the following reports for February 2012 have been received and are on file in the office of the Town Clerk:

Town Clerk's Monthly Report, Youth Department Monthly Report, SPCA Monthly Report, Justice Court Monthly Report, Supervisor's Fund Balance Report, Assessor's Monthly Report, Department of Public Works Monthly Report, Code and Planning Department Monthly Report.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 97-12 STC REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE APPROVED

Resolution by: Fairbrother
Seconded by: Smith

WHEREAS the Town Board has determined that the STC Regional Leadership Conference sponsored by the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board is a beneficial conference for Town employees, and

WHEREAS for environmental review purposes, administration is a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA 6NYCRR, Part 617.5(c) (20) and as such no further action is necessary regarding the same, now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Town Board authorizes the following staff to attend the 16th Annual Southern Tier Central Regional Leadership Conference on April 11, 2012, and April 12, 2012 at Corning Community College:

Fred Ahrens, Chris Austin, Brenda Belmonte, Robert Byland, Linda Cross, Scott Esty, Timothy Gilbert, Robert Gush, Lisa Hess, John Hunter, Yvonna Kelly, Lance Muir, James Ormiston, Angela Piersimone, Dave Robbins, David Seely, Merlyn Tiwari, William Torp, Larry Wagner, Don Williams.

FURTHER RESOLVED Town vehicles will be used for transportation to said conference; therefore, mileage will not be reimbursable, and

FURTHER RESOLVED the above-referenced training activity is acceptable to the Town Board and the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board that attended or shall attend any of these training sessions shall receive credit for the purposes of complying with the Big Flats Town Code Sections 17.60.040 and 17.72.065.

CARRIED: AYES: Smith, Fairbrother, Gillette, Saglibene, Dean
NAYS: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 98-12
LATIN DANCE INSTRUCTOR

Resolution by: Smith
Seconded by: Gillette

WHEREAS it is recommended that a Latin Dance Instructor is needed to provide general recreational activities as part of the Big Flats Community Center services and programs, and

WHEREAS for environmental purposes the contracting of such services is a Type II administration action in accordance with SEQRA 6NYCRR, Part 617.5(c) and as such no further action is necessary regarding the same, now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a service contract with Tracey Wigley for the purpose of teaching Latin Dance classes at the cost of 80% of the fee charged in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

CARRIED: AYES: Smith, Fairbrother, Gillette, Saglibene, Dean
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION NO. 99-12
BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED

Resolution by: Gillette
Seconded by: Saglibene

WHEREAS a memorandum was received from the Bookkeeper, dated March 7, 2012 requesting authorization for a budget amendment, and

WHEREAS the town is in receipt of \$26,691.54 from New York State Office Emergency Management to reimburse for April 2011 storm repair work, and

WHEREAS for environmental review purposes, this a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA 6NYCRR, Part 617.5(c) (20) and as such no further action is necessary regarding the same, now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Town Board authorizes the following to amend the General and Highway Funds budget as follows:

Increase Estimated Revenue A0510	\$ 3,699.48
Increase Federal Aid Emergency Disaster –A4960	\$ 3,699.48
Increase Estimated Revenue D0510	\$22,992.06
Increase Federal Aid Emergency Disaster – D4960	\$19,178.98
Increase State Aid Emergency Disaster - D3960	\$ 3,813.08

CARRIED: AYES: Smith, Fairbrother, Gillette, Saglibene, Dean
NAYS: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 100-12
MARCH 14, 2012 COMMUNICATIONS LOG APPROVED

Resolution by: Saglibene
Seconded by: Fairbrother

BE IT RESOLVED that the following communications were received, accepted and filed by the Town Clerk of the Town of Big Flats and referred to the appropriate Department Head for information and/or action:

March 5, 2012

Chemung County Industrial Development Agency – RE: Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed BFH II, LLC – 2012 Project. *Referred to: Code Enforcement Office, Assessor and Town Clerk for filing.*

March 7, 2012

NYSEG – RE: Case 11-T-0654-Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII Section 121-a of the Public Service Law for Approval to Construct a 4.9 Mile Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline and Associated Facilities in the Town of Big Flats and Horseheads and the Village of Horseheads, Chemung County. *Referred to: filed with the Town Clerk.*

Environmental Emergency Services, Inc. – RE: 2012 Appropriation Appreciation. *Referred to: Town Clerk for filing.*

Tonya McGary – RE: Senior Strength Training Class. *Referred to: Community Center Secretary and Town Clerk for filing.*

CARRIED: AYES: Smith, Fairbrother, Gillette, Saglibene, Dean
NAYS: None

Councilperson Fairbrother made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Gillette to enter into the executive session regarding issues that deal with collective bargaining and with no decisions to be made. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town Supervisor reconvened the Town Board Meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Councilperson Fairbrother made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Smith to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 6:09 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Date approved: _____

Linda J. Cross
Town Clerk